

FISCAL NOTE

SB 51

January 29, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits school bus drivers from requiring or permitting students to exit the bus until the bus reaches the student's destination. A violation of this provision is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of up to \$100. Each LEA shall assure that all school bus drivers know and understand the LEA's policies concerning the management of unruly student behavior or conduct on a school bus and procedures pertaining to safety.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

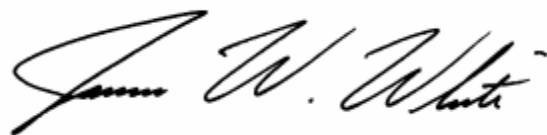
Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- LEAs currently have the authority to adopt policies and procedures to allow parents to change the regular assigned bus stop for a student on a particular day and to discipline drivers for not following such procedures.
- The bill would require all LEAs to adopt a policy regarding this issue.
- Any cost associated with the requirement that LEAs ensure school bus drivers understand their duties with respect to unruly bus riders is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within the normal course of business.
- This estimate assumes that payment of the fine is the sole responsibility of the school bus driver and not the responsibility of the LEA.
- The amount of fines collected by local governments from violation of this provision is estimated to be not significant since the number of drivers who would be held in violation and fined is estimated to be small.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director